

FAMOUS AVIATOR MAKES FLIGHTS

Dr. Frank M. Bell of Military Reserve Corps Went Up Friday and Saturday.

LARGE CROWDS PRESENT

Flights Were Made at Washington Park, Both Having Been Very Successful.

Dr. Frank M. Bell, the noted military aviator who is here for a stay of several weeks, made two ascensions at Washington Park on Friday and Saturday afternoons, both of which were in every way successful.

The weather Friday afternoon was most auspicious, and a large crowd assembled to watch the flight of the bird man, several hundred students from the Industrial Institute and College having been among those present. The aeroplane started off beautifully, and Dr. Bell after having ascended several thousand feet into the air, circled around a number of times, and then returned to terra firma.

Dr. Bell is one of the world's most famous aviators. He has made ascensions not only in all parts of America but in various European cities, having captured a prize of five thousand dollars for encircling the dome of the famous cathedral at Rheims, France. This city was his boyhood home, and all Columbians are proud of him.

A second flight was made yesterday and was equally as successful as the one undertaken on the previous day.

The Edison Talking Pictures.

Edison Talking Pictures will be publicly viewed and heard for the first time here at the Columbus Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Thursday matinee.

The chief astonishment of the Edison Talking Pictures is caused by the exact coincidence between the motion of the lips and those in the pictures and the spoken, as they issue from the phonographic mechanism. Whatever may be the final service of the Kinetophone, the salient fact that its coming emphasizes, is that at last we have a scientific synchronization of sight and sound. The pictures and reproduction of records, are absolutely perfect in unison. Mr. Edison's latest invention is truly wonderful.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Folsom arrived last week from an extended trip North and are pleasantly domiciled at Mrs. Alford's home.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF TELEGRAPH LINES CONSIDERED

Washington, Dec. 10.—Government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines throughout the country is being seriously considered by President Wilson.

Conferences between the president and Postmaster General Burleson have led to a gathering of information about the practical working of government ownership in those notions where such a system is in operation. The subject will be discussed in the postmaster general's annual report, though it is not assured that he will make any positive recommendations. The postmaster-general saw the president for a few minutes today and while they did not discuss the subject, Mr. Burleson said as he left the White House that on previous occasions when he had discussed the question with the president he had found his mind open and susceptible to information.

HOLIDAY SEASON IS CLOSE UPON US

With Christmas Less Than Two Weeks Distant, the Annual Rush Begins.

TRADE IS VERY BRISK

Merchants Have Holiday Goods on Display, and are Being Well Patronized.

With Christmas less than two weeks distant, the annual holiday rush has begun, and both streets and stores in the business district are each day crowded with eager shoppers, all intent upon buying presents for relatives and friends both at home and in distant places.

On account of the fact that bountiful crops were made in the territory contiguous to Columbus this season, money is quite plentiful, and is being liberally spent. The merchants realized this fact, and brought on large stocks. An almost endless variety of articles suitable for holiday gifts can be found at numerous places, and liberal purchases are being made.

The people are urged not to postpone their Christmas shopping until the last minute. By making early purchases you are not only enabled to have larger stocks to select from but materially aid both the merchants and their employees. Early buying enables the merchants to make prompt deliveries and prevents unnecessarily hard work on the part of the clerks during the last few days just preceding Christmas, when, if purchases are delayed, they are sometimes compelled to remain on their feet fifteen or eighteen hours without a moment's rest.

Shop early, and avoid the rush. This is the advice being given on every hand, and it is well worthy of serious consideration.

Trial Comes Up Tuesday.

Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 12.—Judge Henry C. Munger, in the Warren County Circuit Court, late this afternoon fixed the trial of Senator G.A. Hobbs of Lincoln County, indicted on charges of soliciting and accepting a bribe from Stephen Castleman of Belzoni, for Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Mr. Mells Johnson and attractive sister, Miss Frances Johnson of Kentucky, are receiving a cordial welcome to Columbus. Mr. Johnson has purchased a plantation near Bent Oak, and until he has made arrangements to live there will be with Miss Sallie Billups.



"STRONGHEART" SUPERBLY PRESENTED AT I. I. AND C.

Virile Romantic Drama Given Local Production by A. and M. Dramatic Club.

The well known romantic drama, "Strongheart," was presented at the chapel of the Industrial Institute and College Friday night by the dramatic club of the A. and M. College, and the performance, which was witnessed by a large audience, reflected much credit upon those who participated herein.

"Strongheart" is a play especially adapted to the needs of college dramatic clubs, as it tells the story of an Indian who goes to one of the leading universities of the country to secure an education, and who, by his prowess in athletics, his fine mental ability and gentle manners gains the love of a pretty and refined Caucasian maid, who finally becomes his wife.

The title role was assumed by Mr. A. L. Darnell, and was forcefully and vigorously portrayed, while Miss Dorothy Nelson, who appeared as "Lurline Puller," his sweetheart, was both charming and captivating. The minor roles were in competent hands, all the different members of the cast having done creditable work.

A pleasing feature of the entertainment was the work of the College Quartette, which is composed of Messrs. J. A. Rowan, S. S. Griffin, J. B. Looney and E. L. Craddock. These gentlemen rendered vocal selections between the acts, and were greeted with loud and well deserved applause.

MR. THOMAS FRANKLIN MAYO WINS RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Columbian Gets Three Year's Instruction at Oxford, England.

Thomas Franklin Mayo was yesterday selected by the board which decides the Oxford Scholarship to receive the three year's course of instruction at Oxford, England, under the operations of the Cecil Rhodes Scholarship.

This entitles him to \$1500 a year stipend, for which is ample to cover all expenses. This is great triumph for our young townsman and many friends rejoice in his success.

Be sure you visit the handkerchief booth at Leigh's. Handkerchiefs are always acceptable as gifts and this store is showing a big variety of hand-embroidered handkerchiefs put up in pretty holiday boxes for men women and children. Ask to be shown the new "Longfellow" initial handkerchiefs for both ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. Chas. H. Jacob has just returned from Longview, where he closed a contract for installing systems of plumbing and steam heat in the Agricultural High School buildings of Oktibbeha county.

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TWO NEGROES ARE CHARGED WITH STEALING COTTON

John Hendricks and Mark Davis Arrested on Complaint of Columbus Compress Co.

John Hendricks and Mark Davis, both negroes, were arrested by the police last week on the charge of stealing loose cotton from the Compress Company, the charge having been made by Mr. R. L. Davidson, the manager of the plant.

The two negroes were taken before Mayor Donnell, and placed under bond to appear for trial at ten o'clock Thursday morning. When that hour arrived Hendricks was on hand but Davis failed to show up, and the case was continued.

Davis is the son of Zach Davis, one of the most reliable and trustworthy negroes in Columbus and has himself always borne an excellent character. He has for the past two seasons been employed in a local cotton office, and is said to have told the manager of the office that he knew nothing about the theft of the cotton, but that Hendricks had implicated him, and he had no way to prove his innocence.

Many white citizens who have known Mark from infancy have the utmost confidence in his integrity, and although things now look dark for him, they cherish the hope that he may yet be able to establish his innocence.

Christmas cards, post cards, tags and seals, at Johnston & Caine's.

OUR INDUSTRIES ARE PROSPEROUS

Local Mills and Factories all Running on Full Time and Making Money.

WEEKLY PAY ROLL LARGE

Thousands of Dollars Paid Out to Employees Every Saturday Night.

The year which is now so rapidly drawing toward its close has been a prosperous one for Columbus. All the local factories are running on full time and paying out thousands of dollars weekly to employees, while the merchants have enjoyed a most liberal patronage, those engaged in the wholesale business having been especially successful.

The Tombigbee Cotton Mill, one of the oldest as well as one of the most important manufacturing industries in the city, has added another successful year to its perennially prosperous career, and a substantial dividend will doubtless be declared when the directors hold their next annual meeting. The mill is under the personal management of Mr. T. O. Burris, the president of the company, who is recognized as one of the most astute business men in the city.

One of the most important local enterprises has been re-organized during the past year, the old Interstate Lumber Company having become the Columbus Lumber Company. Mr. D. F. McCullough is the local manager of the concern, which is now on a firm financial basis and running every day in the week.

To the Southern Manufacturing Company the year has brought abundant success. This concern, of which Mr. W. W. Craig is president and manager, has recently added cement culverts to its list of products, and these culverts are finding a ready sale throughout the South.

The Standard Stove Works are running smoothly and turning out a fine grade of stoves and other products. This plant is under the management of Mr. G. V. Hannah, and has been significantly successful ever since he assumed control.

Another worthy local enterprise is the Cookeville Veneer Company, which is doing a splendid business and is meeting with gratifying success.

The Columbus Compress, the three oil mills and other local industrial enterprises of lesser importance have all enjoyed a satisfactory year, while the growth of our wholesale business has been phenomenal. The whole-

PROHIBITIONISTS OF NATION ASK FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Washington, Dec. 10.—Two thousand men and women representing the Anti-Saloon League of America and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, assembled today at the capitol for a demonstration against the liquor traffic.

In two phalanxes the men and women marched from the downtown section of the city to the east front of the capitol. Each bore petitions demanding national prohibition by constitutional amendment.

The petitions were received by Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, author of such a proposed amendment and by Senator Morris Sheppard, of Texas. The legislators also received from a special committee of the anti-liquor forces a copy of another resolution suggested to forever prohibit the manufacture or sale of intoxicat-

TWO DIVINES FROM AFAR HERE TODAY

Rev. Thos. Tardy of Texas, and Rev. W. L. Slack of Louisiana To Speak.

ARE CONSIDERING CALLS

Mr. Tardy will Speak at First Baptist Church, and Mr. Slack at St. Paul's.

Two visiting ministers will be heard in local churches today, the pulpit of the First Baptist church being occupied by Rev. Thomas Tardy of Marshall, Texas, while Rev. W. L. Slack of Algiers, La., will speak at St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Both divines are considering local calls, Mr. Tardy having been requested by the deacons of the First Baptist church to succeed Rev. J. B. Lawrence as pastor, while the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal church has extended to Mr. Slack an invitation to fill the vacancy in the rectorship of that church occasioned by the resignation of Rev. W. E. Dakin.

Mr. Lawrence has resigned the pastorate of the First Baptist church to become secretary of the home mission board of the State Baptist convention, his resignation becoming effective January 1st, while Mr. Dakin resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's church to accept a call to the pulpit of the Church of the Advent in Nashville, and has already assumed his new duties.

While here Mr. Tardy and Mr. Slack will discuss matters with the officers of the respective churches to which they have been called, and will at an early date decide whether or not these calls will be accepted. Both divines will doubtless be greeted by large congregations.

The Woman's Store is offering all tailor-made suits and coats at a big reduction in price this week. Buy her a nice suit or coat for Christmas.

sale district is centered around the Mobile and Ohio depot, and both in the character of the buildings occupied and the volume of business transacted will compare favorably with similar districts much larger than Columbus.

In financial circles the year has been a notable one. One new banking institution, the National Bank of Commerce, has been organized, while the three older banks have shared in the prosperity which has come to the city at large.

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ing liquors except for sacramental and medicinal purposes.

In their march to the capitol the Anti-Saloon League forces were led by Brigadier General A. S. Daggett. Mrs. Lillian M. N. Stevens, of Maine, president general of the W. C. T. U., marshalled the women who waved banners as they paraded down Pennsylvania avenue.

Christmas Bazaar.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will give a Bazaar next Tuesday, December 16, at the building formerly occupied by the Cady Plumbing Company on Main street. A turkey dinner will be served beginning at 11 o'clock. Also all kinds of fancy articles, needle work, candies and cakes will be on sale. Every body is cordially invited.